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## THE DANGER.

The South African War showed only too clearly the military weakness of the British Empire when pitted against an antagonist of the third class. Had the Boers pressed their initial advantages, had they been under the guidance of leaders like Botha or Delarey from the outset, even this enemy might have withstood the forces of the Empire. Trained men were lacking at the outset, and though the courage of the British soldier and the patriotism of the mother-country and the Colonies enabled us to wear down our adversaries at immense expense in a three years' war, it is a strange commentary on the military ignorance of the English people that they regarded a victory won under such circumstances by the greatest colonial Power as something highly creditable to themselves. Had the nation possessed any appreciation of what war really involved, had it devoted to military preparation a tenth of the time devoted to sport and amusement, it would have seen the Boer war finished within a twelve-month. But, when a few years of preparation would have sufficed to make victory not only over the burgher levies but over far more dangerous foes a certainty, the English people preferred to muddle through. Close on four years have elapsed since the war ended but our army, in the opinion of experts, is no better fitted for a life-and-death struggle. Our publicists assume too hastily that we shall never be involved in a land campaign against a great European Power. In the political world of to-day new groupings and alliances of the Powers take place with a curious frequency. Ten years ago we were not on good terms with France or the United States, while our relations with Germany were excellent. Since then the Entente Cordiale with France has been signed and celebrated, Germany is our "bête noire" but who is to guarantee that the present alliances and understandings are permanent? For that reason, if for no other, we must prepare ourselves for a struggle in which we may stand alone, remembering above all that under present military conditions a struggle with England cannot be a life-and-death battle for any of our possible opponents. War with England is war with limited liability for our opponents. Our fleet may injure his commerce and sink his ships if it can reach them in their fortified harbours, but it cannot seize their capitals or overrun their provinces, while success on their part will mean our ruin, and even at the close of an indecisive war we may well find that our enemy and we ourselves have been playing the game of an ambitious neutral who has attained pride of place among the Powers through our exhaustion. It may be urged against compulsory service or compulsory military training—though the names differ the principle is the same—that the danger to the Empire of a struggle in the future against a well-trained and equipped opponent or coalition of opponents is problematical: why prepare for a combat that may never take place? But why do business houses insure their offices against fire and burglary? The principle is the same: the chances of fire are not perhaps great in the case of a bank or a business, but a practical man must take them into consideration. Are the real rulers of the Empire, the British electorate, unaware that to them overthrown in war means universal ruin, and that they are called upon to insure themselves, not against the blind forces of nature and hazard, but against the keen intelligence and organised resources of their many rivals; who even at the present moment we know to be using every effort to prepare themselves so as to be thoroughly ready to overthrow the British Empire? No Briton can believe that the British race has grown so supine and careless of its great past and future, that when the question of universal training without any assumptions whatever is properly and squarely placed before the citizens of the British Empire, they, the citizens of the greatest Empire that the world has ever seen, will not at once of their own free will voluntarily take up the sacred burden of preparing themselves for the defence of the British Empire. But they forget that our understanding with France and our alliance with Japan make it necessary for us to give military as well as naval support to our allies. Had the Morocco imbroglio ended in a European conflict, could we have given direct military aid to the French Republic? Be it remembered that the German Army, though it has its weaknesses, is stronger in numbers, and has the brain and manhood of the German nation in its ranks, is less divided by religious and political dissensions, and is better served by a huge and complex railway system than that of its opponent, that Russia is out of action for the present, and that Austria, which could not gain from a German defeat and is bound by treaty to assist her ally, is not an enemy to be despised and could support Germany with a powerful and well organised army. The forces of the Republic may lose their first pitched battle; could we then have confined ourselves to the blockade of the German coasts or to attacks on Hamburg-America liners? But during the Moroccan crisis we were impotent to aid France by land. The 100,000 men who were to seize the Kiel Canal did not exist save on paper at the moment that was most threatening, and though they might have been collected and organised in a couple of months the possibility of a surprise would have been lost and the issue of the campaign might have been decided against the Republic between Metz and Chalons-sur-Marne. Russia is out of action at present. True, but who knows what may emerge from the welter of bloodshed and confusion in which the great Northern Empire is plunged? The French Revolution produced Napoleon, and the Russian people may yet go forth conquering and to conquer under the banner of some Saviour of Society. And whatever the upshot of the struggle that Russia has now to face, her foreign and military policy must remain unchanged. The policy of a great land-locked empire must aim in the future at reaching the open water as it has aimed in the past, and Russian statesmen and soldiers will take the line of least resistance when the next movement comes. The Port Arthur gate is closed, there remain the gates of the Baltic, the Dardanelles, Alexandria, and the Persian Gulf. In the Baltic Russia will have to grapple with Germany and the small but vigorous and patriotic Scandinavian States, in the Dardanelles she must face Austria, Turkey, and the Balkan States, who will feel that their aspirations are doomed if once the great Slav nation wins the key to the Mediterranean. At Alexandria the Russians may have to face the world of Islam fighting with the consciousness that defeat means utter ruin, and it may well be, aided by the German Empire. Persia remains, and over the shores of the Persian Gulf we have proclaimed a new Monroe doctrine, but can we support our political thesis by armed action should our virtual protectorate be challenged? Our dignity and prestige forbid us to rely entirely on Japanese aid, and can we be certain that the alliance will be in force in fifteen or twenty years' time?



LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Accession Day Fetes. The total subscriptions collected by the committee for the celebration of Accession Day amounted to L.E. 793.

Sanitary Dept. Drs. Antonio E. Gonatas, Assimakis P. Assimakopoulos, and Anastas M. Teamados, M. D. G. Vitale, pharmacist, and M. Abdel Hamid Ezat, veterinary surgeon, have been authorized to practise in Egypt.

Small Dance. We may remind our Alexandria readers of the small dance to be given at the New Khedivial Hotel this evening, on the occasion of the Orthodox New Year's Eve. Dancing will commence at 10 p.m.

Embezzlement. One of Messrs. Thos. Cook and Son's employes was brought up before the Cairo Consular Court to-day on a charge of embezzling the sum of L.E. 257. The case was still being heard at the time our correspondent telephoned.

Rifle Meeting. The programme of the Army and Navy Rifle Meeting, which is to be held on the Abbassieh rifle ranges on the 12th, 13th, 14th, and 15th February, has been issued. There are 25 competitors on the programme, which contains all the regulations for the meeting.

The Garrison Church. On Sunday next the Rev. Harry G. Risorian, M. A., R. N., H. M. S. Minerva, will preach in H. E. M.'s Garrison Church of St. George, Mustafa Pasha, at the 11 o'clock parade service. Full choral matins, band and choir of the 1st Royal Dublin Fusiliers, supplemented by the new organ. Visitors will be welcomed. Good-bargains.

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1906. We continue to receive artistic and useful calendars and other advertising notions for the year 1906. The Eastern Telegraph Company is distributing a very handy pocket diary, as also is Mr. Nestor Gianacis, the cigarette manufacturer, and the Standard Life Assurance Co. The latter company is also sending out an excellent blotter. One of the most effective almanacs is that issued by the Manufacturers Life Insurance Company of Toronto, Canada, which consists of an excellent commercial and strategic map of the British Empire.

Notes from Port Said. (FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.) Port Said Friday. A Record Pilgrimage. Judging from the number of pilgrims going to the Hedjaz, this year's exodus to Mecca promises to put up a record. The rumours that many of the pilgrims were arising is another of the many rumours evidently caused by the publicity given to the little affair at Alexandria. Similar rumours of the secret importation of arms into Beyrout and other places are common, and seem to be alike groundless. That there is unrest among some of the natives is acknowledged. But equally one might say that at present half the world seems in the throes of political changes. Whether this is due to the appearance of sun spots or some other meteorological phenomena, as has lately been suggested, is not for us to say. However, as far as Egypt is concerned, there is practically no cause for the anxiety which seems, according to some of our papers, to be felt.

Popularity of German Steamers. The North German Lloyd and other German lines seem to have gained considerable popularity of late, judging from the number of passengers who now patronize their boats. Australians especially seem to appreciate the accommodation and reduced fares. The Messageries Line also well supported, and the giving of fourth-class passages seems to be popular with the poorer travellers. The other classes are all well supported. But the English lines, in spite of competition, still more than hold their own. However, it has been noticed that Germany is making a big bid for trade to the East. The recent articles in the English press advocating more attention to this competition, especially with Australia, and South and East Africa, are well worthy of consideration, though possibly a little coloured by rapid imperialistic writers to a press always ready to catch at such information.

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(Gazette's Special Service.) LONDON, Saturday, Jan. 13. The clearing political atmosphere is producing a complete change in the stock markets, which seem to be returning to the same healthy activity as prevailed before the war.

DEATH OF SIR MOUNTSTUART GRANT DUFF. LONDON, January 12. The Right Honourable Sir Mountstuart Elphinstone Grant Duff, G.C.S.I., is dead.

The news of Sir Mountstuart Grant Duff's death will be received with sorrow by a very wide circle of readers, for his "Notes from a Diary" placed him in the front rank of memoir writers; in fact, with the exception of Sir Horace Rumbold, whose "Recollections" and "Further Recollections" will hold a place with "Notes from a Diary," memoir writers are now an extinct race.

Sir Mountstuart thus held an almost unique position amongst Englishmen of the present generation. He alone among English politicians made a systematic and thorough study of the internal politics of European countries. Englishmen, as a rule, know little of the problems which perplex other nations, and care even less. Sir M. Grant Duff was, however, a brilliant exception. He had an immense circle of acquaintances scattered all over Europe, in all classes of society. One can hardly mention an eminent man or woman during the last half century who was not personally known to Sir M. Grant Duff. This gave him a great advantage in dealing with foreign affairs. As Sir Robert Morier once said, "He avoids all the besetting sins of the usual British writers on foreign subjects, nagging, school-mastring, patronising, and the taking of some ridiculous, imaginary British standard as that by which to measure un-British things."

The "Notes from a Diary," which were published in a number of instalments from 1897 to 1904, are charming reading. They are a kind of human personal link with a generation which is rapidly passing away. Sir M. Grant Duff was a diligent diarist, having noted down each day's events ever since his eighteenth birthday. After having kept a diary for a quarter of a century, he re-read what he had written, and came to the conclusion that there was much which possessed permanent interest. He accordingly made copious extracts which he published in the "Notes," and which will be as indispensable to the student of the social history of England in the latter half as Greville's is of the earlier period of the nineteenth century.

ARMY OF OCCUPATION. Major G. C. Knight, Loyal North Lancashire Regiment, has been transferred from the appointment of Deputy Assistant Adjutant General, Malta, to the appointment of Deputy Assistant Adjutant and Quarter Master General at Cairo. He arrived in Egypt on Thursday, and has been taken on the strength of the command from that date, inclusive.

Major A. H. C. Kenney-Herbert, D.A.Q.M.G., will carry out the duties of Major, General Staff, until the termination of his appointment in Egypt. The General Officer Commanding will carry out the annual inspection of the underequipped units on the dates stated:— 2nd Co., R.G.A., Citadel, Monday, 15th January; Military Mounted Police, Abbassieh, Tuesday, 16th January; 2nd Bn. Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, Kasr-el Nil, Wednesday, 7th January.

THE PROCES DES PRINCES. The "procès des Princes" will be heard before the Cairo Mixed Tribunal on the 15th inst. M. Poincaré is on his way from Paris to plead and considerable interest is being taken in the case.

MENA HOUSE. The small dance given by the management of Mena House Hotel will take place on the 24th February, instead of the 17th, as previously stated.

The special moonlight service organised by the Cairo Tramway Company during the week brought a crowd of people out to the Pyramids every night, and donkey and camel riding was in great favour. Mena House Hotel was well patronized on these nights. Tourists as well as residents gave dinner parties there and strolled out afterwards into the pleasant grounds of the hotel to enjoy the exceptionally bright moon.

A concert will be given at Mena House Hotel to-morrow by the Brazaos orchestra. The programme during luncheon is as follows:— March—Fun of the Fair—Lincke. Overture—Somnambulism—Rossini. Fugue—Samson and Dalila—Saint-Saens. Chanson du Printemps—Mendelssohn. Capriccio—Gillet.

Following in the programme in the afternoon for the concert on the large terrace:— Marche—Einzug der Gladiatoren—Jueik. Valse—La Housarde—Ganno. Overture—Poet et Payan—Suppé. Fantaisie—Cavalleria Rusticana—Mascagni. Suite Espagnole—La Feria—Lacombe. Danza delle ore—Gioconda—Ponchinelli.

FIGHT IN THE DESERT. A body of guards belonging to the Repression of the Slave Trade Department lately marched for several days into the desert, near Assouan, with the object of capturing Mohamed El Farajawi, who had been sentenced in default to three years' imprisonment for kidnapping a Sudanese woman of Aklel, in the Assouan mandirah. Having got wind of the soldiers' object, and fearing that they would kill Mohamed, his brother gathered together a large number of Bedouins of the neighbourhood, many of whom used to be interested in the slave trade between Egypt and the Hedjaz, and started out to support Mohamed.

The two parties met in the desert and a fight ensued between them. The Bedouins began the firing and the soldiers retaliated. One of the guards was wounded but the Bedouins were soon defeated and fled, carrying off some of their wounded. They left behind them some camels, a Remington, four swords, and a quantity of cartridges and provisions.

ALEXANDRIA'S ROADS. The Sub-Committee of the Alexandria Municipal Delegation will hold a meeting this afternoon in order to consider the programme of the roads which are to be made this year in Alexandria and Ramleh.

We understand that the transverse roads be worn Rue Rosette and rue d'Allemagne will form a prominent part of this programme, as a large amount of building has been taking place in this quarter. At the same time it cannot be expected that roads will be made in those streets where buildings still going on, as if that were done the roads would be spoilt as soon as they were made.

THE JUDICIAL COMMISSION. Yesterday the International Judicial Commission held its sitting at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. All the delegates, except Judges Batcheller and Larher, were present. Lord Croft or also attended.

The first question discussed was as to the proportion of foreigners in a jury in the case of prosecution against foreigners or natives. It was decided that the proportion of each should be equal.

DOCTORS' FEES.

LAST NIGHT'S MEETING.

DELEGATES TO DOCTORS SELECTED.

It is generally considered that the official reply of the members of the Alexandria Medical Association in regard to the criticisms that have been passed on their recent decision to increase their fees, is merely an attempt to throw dust in the eyes of the public. They want their gratuitous, or partially gratuitous, work in the hospitals, but of course they omit to mention how eager they are to obtain such employment as an advertisement.

Much comment has been aroused as to the anonymity of the medical men who belong to this "Ordre des Medecins." Have they president or chairman, or at any rate somebody who is not afraid to sign his name?

A largely attended meeting was held yesterday at the headquarters of the "Biorigimento" Society. A large number of representatives of various societies, associations, Masonic lodges, etc., put in an appearance. After some discussion it was unanimously decided that the reply of the Alexandria Medical Association, as published in the local Press, could not be considered satisfactory to the inhabitants of Alexandria. The meeting nominated seven delegates, who will represent a large number of benevolent societies, Masonic lodges, artisans' corporations, and other bodies, to interview the Alexandria Medical Association and to demand an explanation, so that the question of the doctors' fees may be placed on a satisfactory basis in order to avoid any future misunderstanding between the population and the members of the medical profession.

It was also decided that in case the Alexandria Medical Association failed to give satisfactory assurances the Egyptian Government and the Alexandria Municipality should be approached on the matter so as to intervene on behalf of the people of Alexandria. The meeting ended at about 11 p.m.

DEPARTURE OF THE MAHMAL. Ibrahim Fathi Pacha, the Emir el Haz, and the other officials connected with the pilgrimage left Abbassieh this morning with the Mahmal by special train for Suez. They will proceed to the Hedjaz on board the S.S. Bahmanieh. The pilgrims who are to accompany the Mahmal will leave on board the S.S. Mariout, sailing from Suez to-morrow afternoon.

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RACING IN CAIRO.

SKYE MEETING.

BIG ATTENDANCE AND GOOD RACING.

Yesterday's Skye Meeting at the K. S. C. grounds came off in capital weather. The attendance was first-rate, residents and visitors crowding the enclosure and the grandstand and the racing was extremely good, some splendid finishes taking place. In the fourth race Soudi just got home by less than a head from Sinououn while in the fifth there was a desperate struggle between Mikado and Boule de Neige, Mr. Surock's little grey, cleverly ridden by Mr. Michaelides, drawing dead-level at the post after being apparently beaten by Mikado. The third race was also good, Amer being only beaten by a head. Two horses ran rather disappointingly—Scheil, which had a lot of support in the second race, and El Tahawi, which was well backed in both the second and the fifth, but completely failed in both.

THE MAIDEN PONY RACE—Value L.E. 30. 2nd horse to receive L.E. 3, if four or more start, 3rd horse to receive L.E. 2, if six or more start, out of the stakes. For Arab Ponies, weight for age and inches. Winners of L.E. 20 to carry 1 st. extra, those of L.E. 0 to carry 2 st. extra, and those of L.E. 40 to carry 2 st. extra. Distance 1 mile. Khalil Pasha Kayat's g.a.h. Kawkab, 10.7. Whiteide, 1. Saleh Bey Yaghen's g.a.h. Sihama, 10.3. Eliseo, 2. Hussein Bey Sioufi's b.a.h. Unlucky, 10.7. M. Paravioini, 3. Baron J. E. de Menasse's g.a.h. Hercules, 10.7. Matthews, 0. Ibrahim B-y Cherif's b.a.h. St. Fringuin, 10.7. Bomser, 0. Ibrahim Bey Cherif's b.a.h. Sudan, 10.3. Damiano, 0. Saleh Bey Yaghen's b.a.h. Abou-Arkoub, 10.7. Stillwell, 0. Omar Bey Sultan and Bakri Bey's g.a.h. Kheilan Tahir, 10.7. Suliman, 0. Mr. A. J. Surock's g.a.h. Ray Blas, 10.7. Has an Ahmed, 0. Mr. Michaelides' g.a.h. Derry Boy, 10.3. Owner, 0. Capt. Gillon's b.a.h. John Peel, 10.7. Johnston, 0. Mr. Emin Karam's ch.a.h. Shaiboo, 10.7. Michaelides jr., 0.

Derry Boy led at the start, making the pace for all he was worth, and was a good six lengths ahead half way. Kawkab then crept up followed by St. Fringuin and Unlucky (ex-Atrazak), but Ibrahim Cherif's horse soon dropped out. At the corner Derry Boy was out of it, and Kawkab led coming round, Unlucky, Scheim, and Abou Arkoub behind him. A challenge by Abou Arkoub was easily stayed off. Unlucky stumbled and got out of his stride, thus losing a good chance of second place, and Kawkab won by a good 3 lengths from Sihama. Totalisator paid P.T. 48 on winner and P.T. 37, 192, and 38 for places.

THE NOVICES STAKES. Value L.E. 30. 2nd horse to receive L.E. 3, if four or more start, 3rd horse to receive L.E. 2, if six or more start, out of the stakes. For Arabs, who have never won a race of any description of value L.E. 20. Weight for age. Distance 7 furlongs. Baron J. E. de Menasse's g.a.h. Fainéant, 10.7. Matthews, 1. Mr. A. J. Surock's ch.a.h. Alarm, 10.7. Vassili, 2. Ahmed Effendi Ibiash's ch.a.h. Cherin, 10.6. Mr. Paravioini, 3. Khalil Pacha Kayat's ch.a.h. Sabei, 10.7. Whiteide, 0. Ibrahim B-y Cherif's g.a.h. El Derwish, 10.7. Bomser, 0. Saleh Bey Yaghen's, Maboout, 10.7. Eliseo, 0. Saleh Bey Hussein's ch.a.h. El Tahawi, 10.7. Stillwell, 0. Omar Bey Sultan and Bakri Bey's g.a.h. Elair, 10.6 H. Suliman, 0. Mr. E. Karam's ch.a.h. Shaiboo, 10.7. Baron Heuser, 0. Scheil and El Tahawi met with plenty of support and the latter was expected to prove a fairly easy winner. Cherin led, and Tahawi lying back, and Alarm close up. Fainéant soon came up and led for the last fifty yards before the corner, when El Tahawi, who had made rather a poor effort to close up with the leaders was beaten and Fainéant running in a manner that belied his name got home after a good race by less than half a length from Cherin, Alarm being a good third. Scheil nowhere.

Totalisator paid P.T. 396 on winner and P.T. 50, 67, and 37 for places. THE POLO SCURRY HANDICAP. Value L.E. 20. 2nd horse to receive L.E. 3, if four or more start, 3rd horse to receive L.E. 2, if six or more start, out of the stakes. For registered polo ponies played regularly to date. Handicap made by the Polo Committee. Distance 2 furlongs. Mr. Dalby's g.b.a.r.b.g. Angelo V., 11.7. Mr. Paravioini, 1. Mr. E. P. B. Surock's g.a.h. Amer, 12.0. Owner, 2. Mr. Mellorja b.a.g. The Rake, 11.7. Owner, 3. Capt. Brakebridge's g.a.h. Bric-a-brac, 12.0. Capt. Bartlett, 0. Capt. D. Parson's g.a.h. Ibrahim, 11.7. Baron Heuser, 0. Mr. E. P. Blencowe's b.a.h. Electric, 11.7. Mr. Reid, 0. Mr. B. Seymour's g.a.h. Kismet, 11.7. Owner, 0. Capt. Kay's g.a.g. Port Said, 11.7. Owner, 0. Capt. Martin's b.b.a.r.b.g. The Other Disciple, 12.0. Owner, 0. Mr. M. Donaldson's ch.a.h.g. Jester, 11.7. Owner, 0. Mr. Meredith's b.a.h. Jeddah, 11.7. Owner, 0. Capt. Rome's g.a.h. Irshallah, 11.7. Mr. de Treville, 0.

There was a refreshing amount of doubt as to which horse would win this race, and pretty well every number got some support.

THE NEW YEAR HANDICAP HURDLE RACE—Value L.E. 30. 2nd horse to receive L.E. 3, if four or more start, 3rd horse to receive L.E. 2, if six or more start, out of the stakes. For Arabs. Distance 2 miles over 8 furlongs. Mr. E. Karam's g.a.h. Soudi, 11.2. Mr. de Freville, 1. Khalil Pacha Khayat's g.a.h. Sinououn, 11.5. Mr. Reid, 2. Saleh Bey Yaghen's b.a.h. Gamecock, 10.6. H. Suliman, 3. Mr. J. B. Jenkinson's b.b.a.r.b.h. Rabah, 9.0. Baron J. E. de Menasse's g.a.h. Futrone, 9.12. Matthews, 0. Saleh Bey Hussein's g.a.h. Salama, 9.7. Vassili, 0. Omar Bey Sultan and Bakri Bey's b.a.h. Saïad II, 10.2. Mr. Paravioini, 0. Mr. Mellor's b.b.a.r.b.g. Tommy, 10.0. Ed Ali, 0. Sinououn, Soudi, and Salama were most fancied at the start, when the first two named led, Salama close up. Salama soon went ahead, only to be caught again by Sinououn, who was ahead first time round. Salama then began to drop back; Gamecock to draw up, and coming into the straight Soudi, who seemed to have delayed his challenge a little too long, had to race with Sinououn for first place. This he secured after a very close struggle, being a bare head—if that—in front.

Totalisator paid P.T. 76 on winner and P.T. 29, 23, and 33 for places. THE MAIDEN HORSE RACE. Value L.E. 30. 2nd horse to receive L.E. 3, if four or more start, 3rd horse to receive L.E. 2, if six or more start, out of the stakes. For Arabs. Weight for age. Winners of L.E. 20 to carry 1 st. extra, those of L.E. 30 to carry 2 lbs. extra, and those of L.E. 40 to carry 2 st. extra. Distance 1 mile, 1 furlong. Ibrahim Bey Cherif and Elise Bey Surock's b.a.h. Mikado, 10.7. Bomser, 1. Mr. A. J. Surock's g.a.h. Boule de Neige, 10.7. M. Michaelides, 1. Messrs. Branch and Mason's b.a.h. Starboard Light, 11.7. Mr. Paravioini, 3. Khalil Pacha Kayat's g.a.h. Au Revoir, 10.7. Bureham, 0. Ibrahim Bey Cherif's g.a.h. El Derwish, 10.7. Damiano, 0. Ahmed Effendi Ibiash's ch.a.h. Florist, 9.6. Fenwick, 0. Saleh Bey Yaghen's b.a.h. Bulkeley, 10.7. Selim, 0. Saleh Bey Hussein's ch.a.h. El Tahawi, 10.7. Stillwell, 0. Mr. Michaelides' g.a.h. Jupiter, 10.7. Vassili, 0. Mr. E. Karam's g.a.h. Hector, 10.7. Michaelides, 0. Mr. E. Karam's b.a.h. Finasseur, 10.7. Eliseo, 0. Capt. Rome's b.a.h. Bill Bailey, 10.7. Mr. de Freville, 0. Mikado led, closely followed by Bill Bailey and El Tahawi, but the last two soon gave way to Starboard Light, who passed Mikado and ran well till near the corner, when Au Revoir caught him. Boule de Neige, well ridden by Mr. Michaelides, coming up on the inside, caught Au Revoir, who dropped back at the corner and the gray led into the straight; Starboard Light and Mikado at his heels. About 200 yards from the post Mikado made a great effort and drew ahead. 50 yards from the finish he seemed to have Boule de Neige beaten, but Mr. Michaelides just managed to get up in the last few strides and secured a dead heat on the post. Starboard Light was a good third.

Totalisator paid P.T. 129 on Mikado, P.T. 75 on Boule de Neige, and P.T. 42, 28, and 39 for places. THE NEW YEAR HANDICAP. Value L.E. 20. 2nd horse to receive L.E. 3, if four or more start, 3rd horse to receive L.E. 2, if six or more start, out of the stakes. For Arabs, the property of British Members of the K.S.C. Distance new half mile. Capt. Rome and Capt. Grant's ch.a.h. Rainbow, 10.5. Mr. Freville, 1. Mr. J. B. Jenkinson's b.b.a.r.b.h. Rabah, 9.7. Hamed, 2. Capt. Gillon's g.a.h. The Clown, 9.12. Johnston, 3. Capt. Brakebridge's g.a.h. Bric-a-brac, 8.10. Burreham, 0. Capt. A. G. Sharp's b.a.h. El Mass, 10.0. Hussein, 0. Messrs. Higgin and Greville's b.a.h. Faik, 10.7. Mr. Paravioini, 0. Mr. Schreiber's g.a.h. White Feather, 10.9. Kennedy, 0. Mr. P. W. Stout's ch.a.h. Fitz, 12.0. Mr. Reid, 0. Capt. Protheroe Smith's g.a.h. Samhana, 11.0. Stillwell, 0. Mr. Moberly's ch.a.h. Shaded, 10.10. (late Voy-gear) Fenwick, 0. Fitz led but was soon passed by Rainbow, who won with considerable ease, Rabah being about a length and a half in front of The Clown.

A. S. C. We are asked by the clerk of the course to give notice that the race course will be open for trial gallops on Wednesday morning next, the 17th inst., from six to ten.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS. The SS Spartan Prince with passengers and general cargo, left Manchester on Thursday, and is due at Alexandria, via Tonia, and Malta, on or about 26th inst. The Onard S.S. Varis arrived at Liverpool on Wednesday morning.

RED SEA LIGHTHOUSES. Count de Vauréal and the Countess de Vauréal, who is now staying in Cairo. Count de Vauréal, who is the Director of the Ottoman Ports and Lights Administration, leaves next week for Aden, whence he will start on a tour of inspection in the Red Sea which will last till the end of February.

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PERSONAL AND SOCIAL.

H. R. H. Prince Charles William of Sweden is expected to return to Alexandria from his trip to Upper Egypt on the afternoon of the 9th inst., and will attend a dinner to be given that evening by Mr. C. Bellifante Oberg, Swedish Consul-General, on the occasion of the birthday of the King of Sweden. The following day his Royal Highness, as well as the officers of the Swedish corvette Freja, will be entertained to tea in the afternoon at the New Khedivial Hotel by H. E. the Governor of Alexandria and to dinner in the evening. The Prince will leave with the Freja for Constantinople on the 23rd inst.

The Hon. E. von Baring has met in the improvement noted yesterday.

Sig. Ojetti, the well-known Italian journalist, is on a visit to Cairo with his charming young wife. Sig. Ojetti is one of the principal contributors to our brilliant contemporary, the "Corriere de la Sera," and has had a long connection with all the chief Italian reviews.

Dr. and Mrs. Bentley entertained a large party at dinner at the Tewfik Palace Hotel to celebrate the coming of age of their pretty daughter Eileen. An Italian string band played during and after dinner for the small dance, which was kept up until it was time to catch the last train to Cairo.

The members of the Société des Medecins Hellènes d'Alexandrie are giving a dinner at the New Khedivial Hotel on Wednesday next in honour of Dr. Kartoulis, physician to the Government Hospital, on the occasion of his appointment to the honorary professorship of the Berlin Faculty of Medicine. The Greek Consul-General will preside.

A marriage has been arranged, and will shortly take place, between Mr. Stanley Innes Gordon, son of Stephen Gordon, Esq., of Smyrna, and Elgin, Scotland, and Miss Gertrude May Barker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Barker, of Alexandria.

The following passengers left by the Hatasco yesterday: Baron de Gaffier d'Hestroy, Mr. G. Cartier, Miss Dunkin, Miss A. Dunkin, Mr. and Mrs. Porter May, Lieut. R. Peretti, Mr. A. Levin, Mr. M. Kistal, Mr. F. Kosterlitz, Mr. Philipp Kraus, Miss Jessie Lithgow, Miss Maud Lithgow, Mr. Hugh L. Lithgow, Lieut. and Mrs. Backstrom, Miss Allon, Miss M. Allon, Capt. Despard, Rev. C. Davey, Mr. and Mrs. Querner, Mr. E. F. Bishop, Mr. J. L. Price, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Collocott, Mr. and Mrs. Woods, Miss G. Woods, Miss Chochard, Mr. J. W. Webster, Mr. C. H. Hoffman, Mr. J. C. Blosser, Mr. J. A. Hyde, Mr. L. W. Barker, Mrs. and Miss Barker.

The following visitors are staying at the Savoy Hotel, Luxor, which is now under new management: Mr. and Mrs. Baurath Albrecht, Lütlich-Hanover; Mr. C. H. Bormann; Pa. U. S. A.; Mr. L. E. Steele, Kingstown; Mr. G. A. Wilson, Leeds; Rev. Dr. Colin and Mrs. Campbell, Scotland; Mrs. L. Stephens, London; Mr. Robert Tretton, Mr. Edgar V. Bodges, England; Mr. and Mrs. L. Dording, New York; Mr. A. Russell, Ireland; Mr. Hans Trier, London; Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Hardy, London; Mr. Henry Boye, Mr. H. Ward Boys, Cairo; Mr. von Schenk-Brosnan, Mr. and Mrs. R. Anbas, Paris; Mrs. W. René, Paris; Mrs. Hamburg Treny and suite, England; Mr. H. Breysfogel, Pa. U. S. A.; Mrs. Middleton, Miss Buchanan, Glasgow.

ACCIDENT TO STEAMER IN CANAL. (FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.) Suez, Friday. Last Wednesday evening the homeward-bound steamer Balmoral struck the side of the canal near 146 station and broke her stern-post, in consequence of which traffic in the canal that night was stopped for several hours until the vessel was moored.

Next morning the tug Titan was sent to her assistance and towed her into the Bitter Lakes so as to turn her round and bring her to Suez for repairs, where she arrived this afternoon.

PLAGUE ON SHIP. (FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.) Suez, Friday. On board the homeward-bound B.I. steamer Itria, from Calcutta, a case of plague was discovered by the Quarantine medical officer, and landed in the ship's boat and conveyed to Moosa's Wells for treatment. The vessel, after being thoroughly disinfected, was allowed to proceed on her voyage through the canal in strict quarantine.

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TO-DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

ELECTION CAMPAIGN.

ROWDYISM RAMPANT.

CANDIDATES PELTED WITH MUD.

LONDON, January 12. A more sober tone is manifest in press controversies on the eve of the election, but rowdyism is as rampant as ever. Some candidates have been pelted with mud and stones. Mr. Lloyd George at Leamington and Mr. Lyttelton at Warwick were shouted down. Speaking at Perth, Mr. Asquith warned the country that a reduction of taxation is impossible till the general level of expenditure be reduced and provision be made for the redemption of the National Debt. (Feuter)

ELECTION RETURNS

LONDON, January 12. Sir C. Furness has been elected unopposed for Hartlepool. Mr. P. W. Chance, Radical, Carlisle, Mr. Taylor, U., Liverpool, and Mr. B. Jones, Radical, Swansea, have been returned unopposed. (Reuter)

STATE OF RUSSIA.

PACIFICATION OF BALTIC PROVINCES.

St. Petersburg, January 12. The pacification of the Baltic provinces is proceeding steadily. An official despatch states that two bombs were thrown from an Armenian seminary at Tiflis into a Cossack patrol, wounding four and killing a boy. The house was surrounded and bombarded. A store of bombs exploded and killed 33 persons, besides wounding 300. Another house from which bombs had been thrown was similarly bombarded and an explosion took place by which eight insurgents were killed. (Reuter)

FRENCH LOAN TO RUSSIA.

PARIS, January 12. The Temps states that the French banks have decided to advance Russia 250,000,000 francs at 5%. This will not involve an export of gold, as the capital will remain in the banks against Russian drafts. (Reuter)

AMERICAN COTTON CROP.

ACTION OF COTTON GROWERS.

LONDON, January 12. The Southern Cotton Growers Association has met at New York to consider the advisability of holding the balance of the crop until 15 cents per pound can be obtained, and of sending a Commission to China and the East to find new fields for the surplus production. It is announced that there will be a conference of spinners on the 24th instant to arrange an understanding. (Reuter)

THE FRENCH PRESIDENCY.

PARIS, January 12. The Presidential election is fixed for the 17th instant. (Reuter) PARIS, January 12. The election of the President of the Republic has been definitely fixed to take place on the 17th inst. M. Rouvier has officially stated that he is not a candidate. M. Fallières on taking over the presidency recalled the work of the Senate and his desire to better the condition of the workmen. (H.)

CAIRO SEASON FIXTURES.

The following is a list of proposed events for the forthcoming Cairo Season: January. 12th Friday. Skys Meeting. 24th Wednesday. 2nd Winter Race Meeting. 26th Friday. 2nd Winter Race Meeting. 30th Tuesday. Sports Preliminary. 31st Wednesday. Sports and Tournament. February. 1st Thursday. Field Day. 8th Thursday. Field Day. 12th Monday. Rifle Meeting. 15th Thursday. Horse Show. 21st Wednesday. 3rd Winter Race Meeting. 23rd Thursday. Field Day. 23rd Friday. 3rd Winter Race Meeting. March. 2nd Friday. Gymkhana at Mena House. 12th Monday. Manoeuvres. 20th Tuesday. (St. Patrick's Day.) Irish Dinner. 17th Saturday. Society Smoking Concert, in aid of Blind Institution, etc. 22nd Thursday. Gov. Schools Athletic Sports. 24th Saturday and 25th Sunday. Horticultural Show. April. First week. E.A. Military Tournament. Last week. Military Schools Sports.

EGYPT'S PROSPERITY.

In referring to the Egyptian Budget for the current year, the "Manchester Courier" comments as follows on the increasing prosperity of the country:

The splendid results due to the intervention of Great Britain in Egypt are again exemplified in the comments on the Budget of that country for 1906 made by Sir Vincent Corbett, Financial Adviser to the Khedive's Government. No longer robbed and cheated out of their earnings the fellahs are becoming not merely contented but prosperous. One result of the "sudden acquisition of unexpected wealth" by large sections of the people is the almost inevitable economic result of higher prices for necessities. The income of Egypt continues to increase, though remissions of taxation to the extent of nearly half-a-million sterling have been made in the past three years; and for next year, despite the growing cost of unskilled labour on public works, the surplus is again estimated at about half-a-million. One result of this prosperity is the invasion of the speculator, and Sir Vincent cautions investors against the gambling fever and wildcat schemes to be found in Egypt. Unfortunatly for the cotton crop, while the area under cultivation has considerably increased the quantity raised has remained stationary. Apparently the high prices ruling have tempted growers to take too much out of the soil, cotton now being grown on the same land every two years instead of once in three years. Money from outside Egypt continues to be poured into it in pursuance of mining developments and exploration, but it is too early yet to test the value of this financial enterprise. Thanks to the large reserve fund possessed by the Government and the less stringent restrictions now imposed on it by foreign bondholders, the railways of the country are being increased and improved, while another barrage on the Nile has been arranged for, which will place other two hundred and forty square miles of fertile country under cultivation. Sir Vincent's report will strengthen the confidence of both Great Britain and Egypt in the ability and resourcefulness of the great Proconsul Lord Cromer.

DAILY WEATHER REPORT

Table with columns for ALEXANDRIA (Khos-el-Nadoura Observatory), Direction of wind, Force of wind, State of sky, etc.

REMARKS. The weather is still mild but dull. The wind dropped all day yesterday and the barometer is falling. We may expect a change in the conditions soon.

Calendar of Coming Events.

ALEXANDRIA.

- January. Sat. 13. St. Andrew v. Victoria College. College ground. 3. Sporting Club. A.S.C. v. Departmental Corps (Association Football) 3. Zizinia Theatre. French comedy company in Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme. 9. Alhambra. French operetta company in Gillette de Narbonne 9.15. Khedivial Hotel. Small Dance. 10. Alhambra. Masked Ball. 12. Sun. 14. Alhambra. Mme. Fivart. 4. Les Travaux d'Hercule. 9.30. Mon. 15. H.B.M.'s Consulate. Annual General Meeting St. Mark's Voters. 4.30. Sailors and Soldiers' Institute. Popular Concert. 8.30. Admission Free. Sat. 20. Parish Room. Bulkeley. Meeting Congregation All Saints. 6. Tues. 23. A. L. M. & D. S. Musical and Dramatic Entertainment. 9. Thurs. 25. Seamen's Home. New Year's Treat.

CAIRO.

- January. Sat. 13. Khedivial Opera House. Fedora. 9. Theatre des Nouveautés. 9.30. Alcazar Parisien. 9.30. Savoy Hotel. Small Dance. 10 p.m. Zoological Gardens. E. A. Infantry Band. Afternoon. Mon. 15. Egyptian Institute. Meeting. 3.30. Shepherd's. Small Dance. Wed. 17. Shepherd's. Ball. Mena House Hotel. Dance. 9.30. Thurs. 18. Bou'ac Institute. Ball. Fri. 19. Zoological Gardens. Ghizeh Boys' Band. Afternoon. Sun. 23. Trotting Race Meeting. Ghizeh. Royal Military Tournament.

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ARMY OF OCCUPATION.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SEVENTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at WINCHESTER HOUSE, OLD BROAD STREET, LONDON, E.C., at three o'clock in the afternoon, on Thursday, the 25th day of January, 1906 when the Annual Report of the Directors and the Balance Sheet will be submitted to the Company for consideration, and the following ordinary business will be transacted, viz.:

- Adoption of Report and Balance Sheet. Election of a Director. Election of Auditors for the ensuing year. Mr. P. Back retires from the Board at this meeting, in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, and being eligible offers himself for re-election as a Director. Messrs. Price, Waterhouse & Co., London, and Messrs. Hoare & Russell, Cairo, the present Auditors, are eligible, and will be proposed for re-election. Dated the 6th January, 1906.

By order of the Board, H. SPEDDING, Secretary.

The Registers of Members will be closed from the 21st day of January to the 27th day of January, 1906, inclusive, and no transfers of shares will be registered during that time. 27115-2\*1

NOTICE.

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That, in pursuance of Article 44 of the Statutes of the Metropolitan and Cairo-Helouan Railway, and in view of the recommendation of the Council of Administration, a sum of L. E. 242,780 out of the profits of the Metropolitan and Cairo-Helouan Railway for the year ending 31st December, 1904, be placed to special Reserve Fund.

Dated this 10th day of January, 1906.

By order of the Board, F. J. HORNE, Secretary.

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Pour ne pas déroger aux antécédents, la séance de Samedi matin a été calme, plutôt faible et a fini en perte de 1/32 à 1/16 sur les cours de la veille, mais au moins cette fois la tenue du marché n'est que temporaire.

Avec un pareil chiffre, confirmant pour ainsi dire les pronostics à propos du Censur Bureau attendu pour Lundi, on devait logiquement prévoir une continuation de la baisse pour le lendemain: il en a été ainsi, d'ailleurs, car New York est venu dimanche matin avec 20 points de baisse, mais la chance de haussiers ayant voulu que lundi fut un jour férié chez nous, à l'occasion de la Noël Orthodoxe, cette suspension d'affaires leur évita une mauvaise journée tout en leur permettant d'attendre les événements.

La réouverture du marché mardi matin, l'annonce que la publication du Rapport du Censur Bureau était renvoyée de 24 heures et la petite reprise de 5 points qui l'accompagnait firent naître un peu d'espoir, comme conséquence, les deux séances de la journée restèrent calmes, avec une perte de 1/32 le matin, vite regagnée dans l'après-midi, ce qui nous ramena au niveau de samedi, de façon que, pratiquement, les 25 points perdus par l'Amérique dans cet intervalle sont passés comme quantité négligeable et sans produire le moindre effet sur nous.

Mercredi matin, les dépêches de New-York nous servirent simultanément et le rapport du Censur Bureau donnant balles 9.722.000, chiffre conforme aux prévisions, et l'avis que grâce aux efforts inouïs des haussiers, le marché avait fini en amélioration de 5 points, chose qui était absolument inattendue! Quoi qu'il en soit, l'effet de ces deux nouvelles si contradictoires entre elles se traduisit par un peu de calme dans la matinée; mais, dans la soirée, le Commerce d'exportation ayant fait quelques achats en contrats Janvier sortant, et le Caire à ce que l'on dit, ayant largement opéré dans le sens de la hausse, un revirement complet eut lieu sur notre marché et la fin de la journée eut une certaine réaction, se résuma en une hausse de 3/16 à 1/4 de tallari.

Hier, malgré la baisse de l'Amérique et malgré les dépêches disant que Neill maintenait son estimation de 11 1/2 millions de balles, la fermeté de notre marché s'est accentuée et le résultat de la journée a consisté en une avance de 7/32; mais le comble de la surprise a été atteint aujourd'hui quand, en dépit de tout et de tous, le parti de la hausse ici et au Caire a cru devoir pousser les prix. Pour un moment, le cours de 15 19/32 a été pratiqué, mais ceci a été le maximum, la clôture de la journée ayant fini par avoir lieu sur la cote de 15 1/2.

De vendredi à vendredi, nous avons donc gagné près de 9/32, ce qui semble inouï si l'on considère que de l'autre côté de l'Atlantique les choses ont marché tout autrement, le résumé du mouvement l'abus montrant une perte nette de 28 à 30 points.—Dans tous les cas, on ne dira pas, pour ce qui nous concerne, que la semaine n'a pas été intéressante sous le rapport des fluctuations et de l'allure du marché; quant à l'activité, quoiqu'elle n'ait été qu'intermittente, dans l'ensemble, pourtant, elle a été relativement satisfaisante.

La nouvelle récolte, tout en étant ferme, est restée presque en dehors du mouvement; en tout cas, elle n'a avancé en tout et pour tout que de 1/16 de tallari.

Le jeu de cette semaine a paru incompréhensible à plus d'un; le fait est qu'il est quel que peu extraordinaire. Sur quoi est-il basé? Il est incontestable que la position à la hausse est entre les mains de la spéculation; plutôt la petite, et si la qualité de quelques détenteurs de contrats au Caire est à prendre en considération comme puissance de moyens, il n'en est pas moins vrai que cela ne suffit pas pour modifier la situation de l'article suivant leurs désirs. A côté du découvert qui certainement existe, mais qui n'a pas l'air de se laisser effrayer encore, il y a la marchandise effective qui représente la plus grande partie des contrats en circulation, et ce n'est ni le Caire, qui est enrôlé, ni les acheteurs de l'intérieur, ni nos petits haussiers de la place qui pourront en prendre livraison. En outre, n'oublions pas que parmi nos haussiers il y a aussi de gros bonnets, et ceux-là ont plus d'une corde à leur arc. Par conséquent, et pour résumer l'opinion de la majorité, sans un appui efficace du dehors il n'y a pas de réussite assurée pour toute manœuvre intempestive ou exagérée, et si, par ci, par là, un certain découvert devra se décider à se racheter, cela ne veut pas dire, dans les conditions que nous venons d'exposer, que les succès couronneront les efforts des manipulateurs à la hausse, surtout si, pour faire monter les prix, ils sont obligés d'acheter dans le niveau actuel, en gâtant leur moyenne déjà passablement élevée.

On dit aussi que beaucoup d'agences sont en train d'acheter de l'Egyptien et de vendre de l'Américain. Si le fait est vrai, et qu'un fond si agissé d'arbitrages anciens qu'on est en train de défaire, cela diminuerait les positions à la baisse qui existent sur place; mais si par contre les opérateurs du moment orientent aujourd'hui faire une affaire soignée en s'engageant sur l'Egyptien et sur l'Américain dans les conditions actuelles, ils courront grand risque de se voir, comme résultat final, de ne trouver que des déceptions, au lieu de ces bénéfices mirobolants qu'ils ont en général les calculs théoriques sur le papier.

Parmi les arguments des haussiers on fait valoir la bonne marche de l'Egyptien et la difficulté qui commence pour le choix de

la qualité. Mais si le premier point est vrai, et si l'est, pourquoi donc montrer de la précipitation et risquer d'entraver la consommation? Ne serait-il pas plus prudent et peut-être plus sûr de patienter, pour attendre que l'importance de la consommation même produise son effet? Et pour ce qui est de la soi-disant pénurie du choix, la chose n'est vraie qu'en partie, car jusqu'ici, seuls les cotons fins, qui n'ont rien à faire avec les contrats, sont ceux qui semblent ne pas être assez abondants. La demande de la filature continue à être bonne et il est incontestable que la situation du Janvier a beaucoup aidé l'exportateur dans ses nouvelles opérations; aussi c'est à cette cause, et non à dire aux achats du Commerce en cette échéance, que l'on doit attribuer la diminution de l'état entre le Janvier et le Mars et le peu d'importance des filières de ce mois qui, pour la dernière émission, n'ont été que de 6.000.

En livrable sur la prochaine récolte on prétend qu'il y a eu de nouveau des affaires, mais on ne signale, en fait, rien de saillant.

Le marché du disponible a eu une allure plus régulière que par le passé et les transactions, somme toute, ont été assez satisfaisantes; mais, pour ce qui est des prix, il n'y a aucun changement à enregistrer, sauf sur les Joannovich qui ont bénéficié de 1/4 de tallari de hausse, non pour cause de rareté, mais à la suite de la demande qui, portée depuis quelque temps sur les qualités fines.

Les exportations ont dépassé les prévisions et le gros total de l'année dernière, ce qui fait que nous avons du même coup une compensation au déficit de la semaine précédente, lequel, du reste, ne provenait que d'un simple retard dans le règlement des droits sur certains emballages, et qui avait empêché la Douane de les donner en note en temps voulu.

Pour la semaine prochaine, on prédit une augmentation sur l'année dernière. Seulement, n'oublions pas qu'en 1905 la semaine n'a été que de Balles 21.000.

Liverpool a été un peu plus propice à nos cotons comme chiffres de ventes, mais sous le rapport des prix, les choses sont restées au même point.

Il y a eu aussi de l'activité sur les Américains, mais, comme cours, il y a eu nécessairement de la baisse.

Manchester va bien et n'est cette circonstance qui fait dire qu'il ne faut pas s'attendre à une trop forte baisse sur les Américains. Dans tous les cas, beaucoup de monde versent à acheter dès que nous serons tombés vers les 11 cents; ce qui confirmerait ce que nous avons dit précédemment qu'arrivé à un certain point la reprise serait inévitable, la baisse devant finir forcément par modifier les choses.

Graines de coton

La demande pour le disponible n'a cessé d'être bonne et la semaine a fini en hausse sur le cours de P.T. 61 1/2.—Les besoins des exportateurs seront considérables pour tout le reste du mois et par conséquent, si une réaction doit survenir, ce n'est pas de ce côté qu'elle est à craindre. Les engagements ont atteint les prévisions; quant aux engagements futurs, comme dit ci-haut, ils sont sans précédents comme importance pour janvier et à en juger par les affrètements connus, ils constitueront un record.

En contrats, il y a eu de nouveau de l'activité et c'est toujours par la fait de la spéculation. En tous cas, le prix est à 66 1/2 pour l'Avril et la tendance reste ferme.

Hull a suivi comme prix et des affaires assez nombreuses ont eu lieu à £ 6 5/8. La demande, pourtant, semble avoir diminué un peu à la suite de la hausse. Toutefois, avec les besoins existants à cause de la situation de la graine de lin, elle promet de reprendre.

Société Egyptienne de la Bourse Commerciale de Minet-el-Bassal

AVIS

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ORDRE DU JOUR

- Rapport du Conseil d'Administration; Rapport du Censeur; Approbation des Comptes de l'Exercice 1905; Fixation du Dividende; Nomination d'un Censeur pour l'Exercice en cours.

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CHRONIQUE FINANCIERE

Alexandria, 12 janvier.

Au point de vue financier l'année 1906 se présente sous un tout autre aspect que l'année 1905. Tandis que celle-ci a débuté par une marche exceptionnelle rapide que n'ont pu arrêter ni les émissions de nombreuses sociétés nouvelles ni les déastres russes de Mandchourie, celle-là commence sous des auspices plus sombres soit comme politique, soit comme situation générale du marché. Sans doute les nouvelles venues de Russie ont été exagérées, l'état du trésor russe est satisfaisant et le calme semble être définitivement rétabli dans l'empire des Tsars, mais ne faut-il compter pour rien le découragement et la crainte qui accompagnent les grandes crises?

Sans doute aussi les affaires du Maroc, comme d'ailleurs nous l'avons indiqué dans notre dernière chronique, prennent une meilleure tournure, grâce à une détente entre les gouvernements de Londres et de Berlin et aux protestations pacifiques de Guillaume, mais il n'en est pas moins vrai que le monde de la speculation ne sera complètement rassuré que le jour où la conférence d'Alger sera dénouée et les droits de chacun et que les puissances engagées auront conformé leurs actes aux décisions de cette conférence.

Si maintenant du terrain politique on se transporte sur le marché monétaire, on trouve là encore des points noirs à l'horizon: bien que le taux d'escompte, en Angleterre, ait réussi à se maintenir au niveau antérieur et même à baisser d'un huitième, malgré une exportation d'or considérable en Amérique, ce taux a fluctué en Allemagne autour de 8%, mais, il est vrai, pour cause politique que par suite de l'activité commerciale qui absorbe toute la disponibilité: il faut savoir, en effet, que l'Allemagne a doublé en 25 ans son commerce extérieur qui atteint à l'heure actuelle le chiffre de 12 milliards de marks; sa marine marchande a passé dans ces 10 dernières années de 27 à 42 millions de tonnes. Quant à la Banque de France, ses sorties d'or dépassent de beaucoup ses rentrées, et comme elle a déjà émis pour 4905 millions de billets sur les 5 milliards qu'elle a le droit d'émettre, on se demande comment elle sortira d'embarras, si la situation actuelle se prolonge.

Ce coup d'œil jeté sur l'état financier général, qu'on nous permette de faire observer que si les bourses européennes ne sont pas encore libres de toutes inquiétudes, les difficultés les plus graves ont déjà été surmontées et que l'horizon politique est un peu éclairci. Enfin, ainsi que nous le disions vendredi passé, l'Egypte ne recueille, au pis aller, qu'un choc atténué, tempéré en la circonstance par la prospérité croissante de pays au point de vue agricole, commercial et même industriel.

Après une ouverture assez ferme samedi, nous avons fléchi sous l'influence des mauvaises nouvelles politiques, mais ensuite, ces nouvelles s'étant améliorées nous n'avons pas tardé à reprendre l'entraînement de l'année dernière, le marché de la Bourse a été fermement. Entre temps, les marchés européens étant venus en baisse, notre place en général a réagi, à l'exception de quelques valeurs qui ont continué à monter, mais les transactions sont restées à peu près nulles sur toute la ligne. Le jour suivant mercredi, notre place a montré du soutien et même de l'animation, en dépit de la baisse à Londres, Les Trams, les Estates et l'Agricole ont été particulièrement recherchés. Hier, sans motif bien apparent, une réaction s'est produite, excepté toutefois sur les valeurs foncières: Trust, Building, Comptoir et Urbaine. Aujourd'hui enfin, nous clôturons en plein marasme. La semaine peut donc se résumer dans ces deux mots: baisse et inaction à peu près complète.

Parmi les événements les plus saillants de ces derniers jours il faut signaler la fusion de l'Anglo-American Nile avec la Hamburg America Linie. Cette décision a valu 8/16 de hausse à l'Anglo-Américain qui a reçu ainsi le cours de 5 7/8, mais en clôture on revient à 5 13/16.

La Société des Eaux du Caire a inauguré dernièrement son exploitation de la ligne Zaitoun-Matarieh qui promet de beaux bénéfices. On parle d'un coupon de 10 francs. L'Improvements Corporation a vendu à Choubrah un lot de 32 Eftans de terrains à bâtir dans lequel elle a pour quote-part de 1/5. Le 46-éme résultat pour elle de cette vente est de 2800 livres. Vendue également la propriété connue sous le nom de "Batigali Villas" Les Estates

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NOTES ET CRITIQUES

Caire, 12 Janvier.

Londres nous a transmis des cours invariables sur le Consolidé anglais, ainsi que sur les valeurs égyptiennes. L'Agricultural Bank est, seule, renseignée en hausse de 1/4 à 9/8.

A Paris, l'action Crédit Foncier a gagné 1 franc à 802. Par contre, la Banque d'Athènes a perdu 2 francs à 132.

Ce matin, notre marché des valeurs a été encore moins animé. La National Bank et l'Agricole sont restées plus ou moins à leurs prix d'hier. La Cassa di Sonto a fléchi jusqu'à 205 pour clôturer à 208.

L'immobilier a avancé à 360.—La part de fondateur Land Allotment a fléchi à 95. L'action Giments a reculé de 2 francs à 68; la part de fondateur a, par contre, avancé à 18. Rien de très particulier à signaler dans le groupe des Hôtels et dans le compartiment des petites valeurs.

L'assemblée générale ordinaire de l'Egyptian Delta Light Railways aura lieu à Londres le 30 Janvier courant.

Le conseil d'administration propose le paiement d'un dividende complémentaire de 2% sur les actions, ce qui, avec le dividende provisoire distribué en juin dernier, fera 4% pour l'année.

On sait que la Cassa di Sonto a émis 10 millions de francs moyennant l'émission de 50,000 actions nouvelles de la valeur nominale de 100 francs chacune.

Comme nous l'avons déjà dit, 30,000 de ces actions ont été prises ferme, à 135 francs, par un groupe étranger représenté par l'Union Bank de Vienne.

Les autres 20,000 actions sont offertes aux actionnaires actuels, au prix de 130 francs, à raison de 2 actions nouvelles pour chaque 5 actions des émissions précédentes.

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Les cours du coton sont arrivés en légère baisse d'Amérique. Le Mai a perdu 5 et l'Octobre 2 points. Par contre, le disponible a haussé de 8 points à 11. 80.

Les arrivages ont été de 22,000 balles contre 25,000.

Le marché de Liverpool est également en petite réaction.

Ici, le Mars a ouvert, ce matin, à 15 1/2 pour clôturer à 15 27/32.

M. H. de Vries et Boutigny, agents de change, se chargent de l'exécution de tous ordres de Bourse (valeurs et marchandises) sur les marchés de Londres, Paris, Bruxelles, Anvers, Liverpool et New-York. La Circulaire quotidienne de la maison est envoyée sur demande.

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## OUR LONDON LETTER.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LONDON, JANUARY 5.

Unless there is a very speedy change in the present arrangements for the approaching contest, the position of the Unionists at the opening of the struggle will not be so favorable as it ought to be. No one can help noticing that there has been a very marked revival of the courage and confidence of the party during the last two or three weeks, but I am sorry to see that this has not been followed by a corresponding determination to assault every stronghold of the enemy, no matter how impregnable it may seem. Erroling Ireland, which, for these purposes, hardy counts for either party, there are no fewer than twenty-nine Parliamentary Divisions in which there is no Unionist candidate at all, and four two-member constituencies in which there is only one. For a party which could reckon on a majority of seventy over the regular Opposition and the Nationalists together to leave thirty-three seats uncontested seems to me to be palpably wrong. Some of the Welsh seats for which no Unionist candidates have as yet come forward might, I believe, be attacked with a fair prospect of success, while the abandonment to the Radicals of Shipley, where Sir Fortescue Flannery won so brilliant a victory, cannot be justified on any grounds whatever. Our opponents are making no such mistake. With the exception of the University seats, which are in a category of their own, there are only four constituencies in Great Britain for which Radical candidates are not forthcoming, if we exclude the Speaker's seat at Penryn, and it is more than likely that even these vacancies will be filled before the Dissolution. There ought not to be a seat in Great Britain without a Unionist candidate, and that there should be so many in that condition now is a very grave indictment of the methods of the local organisations.

Statements that this is going to be about the most bitterly fought election on record are strikingly confirmed by the news that one candidate, a Liberal, has gone so far as to impress the gramophone into his service, on the pretext that his constituents are too widely scattered for him to address them personally. And this from a member of the party which waxes forensically furious over the alleged cruelties practised on or by (it does not much matter which) Chinese coolies, which has not hesitated to raise matters about the alleged use of dum-dum bullets in our wars. It is high time, surely, that there was a Geneva Convention to regulate electioneering as well as other campaigns. Yet, natural indignation almost gives place to compassion for one who thus rushes on his own destruction. For, to the acute sufferings of the deplorable elector speciously induced to suffer anti-war tortures, there will be added the pangs of enforced self-suppression inflicted upon the would-be healer, the frenzy of the compulsorily ostentatious eggland marksman. Truly we believe the rash innovation carries its own punishment in its train.

With all its faults our Parliament compares favourably with those of other countries—even of our colonies. Etiquette "down under" tends, of course, to become lax and the proceedings of the New Zealand House of Representatives have been invariably stopped to announce the result of the "All Blacks" matches in England. We hear now of obstruction being carried to such perfection in the Commonwealth Parliament, that members of the stonewalling type have been bringing bedding into the Chamber, and openly sleeping on it. The action appears to be partly intended as a theatrical move to discourage the Government, as the Acting-Speaker has ruled that "Members must not make their preparations for rest in an offensive manner." It reminds us of the immortal question, "Did you bite your thumb at me, sir?"

A useful summary of Germany's shipbuilding record in 1905, given by the "Times" to-day, shows that the year was "rather a quiet one." Two battleships of 13,000 tons, two armoured cruisers of 9,500, and three small cruisers were completed; and during that period our own activity compares very favorably with that of Germany alone. We completed seventeen vessels as against seven, with a total displacement of 35,200 tons as against 55,000. But certainly this is no more than the proportion that should be maintained in comparison with Germany alone, and the full list of German warships of the larger kind completed, constructed, and projected in 1905 is worth studying. Altogether there are ten battleships, four armoured cruisers, and eleven protected cruisers—a list which is not alarming in itself,

but which sufficiently shows that Germany is not slackening in a process that continues to call for the compliment of imitation and bettering.

Admiral Rozhdestvensky seems to belong quite to ancient history now, and it is pathetically appropriate to hear that he is likely to be the next Russian Naval Minister—in charge of a navy of equally antiquarian interest. But, even for a voice from Davy Jones's Locker, the gallant Admiral's latest statement is sufficiently remarkable. Answering ex-Captain Klado on points as to the position of the Russian ships at the beginning of the disastrous battle, he winds up by calmly remarking that, if Togo had not routed him, the British squadron, which was lying in wait for the purpose at Wei-hai-wei, would have received the order to annihilate the Russians. From Rozhdestvensky himself this is not surprising; by eyes, as the Dogger Bank proved, are patent double-mission magnifying microscopes of a peculiar kind. But it is astounding that the present Russian Naval Minister should have passed this letter for publication, and no less astounding is the explanation given by Count Witte to his friend the correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph." The Naval Minister, he says, simply studied the technical parts of the letter, and "did not notice" the last few lines. That is how they do things in Russia, even under the enlightened Witte regime.

The statement, with some degree of authority, has been made that Mr. Winston Churchill has received a sum of £8,000 down for the "Life" of his father, and, after the profits of publication have yielded £12,000 to the publishers, he is to have half of any further gains that may accrue. The amount, even in the present age of high prices, is satisfactory. It compares well with the £200 each which Lord Macaulay received for his essays, and the £20,000 paid by a single cheque, for his famous "History." Mr. Gladstone, knowing the value of money, charged £300 for a review article, provided the subject was after his own heart, but he refused the tempting offer of 4s. a word for a contribution to the first number of the "Cosmopolitan Magazine."

Mr. Gladstone's yearly income from his pen was £3,000. Mr. Kipling is the most highly paid author of to-day, even among writers of fiction. He has had no compunction in falling under "the dampening of the cheque book," and a sum of £2,200 was his reward for "The Seven Seas." The story goes that a smart American wrote to him thus:—"Hearing that you are retailing literature at a dollar a word, I enclose one dollar for a sample." Mr. Kipling is said to have kept the dollar and sent back the single word "Thanks."

There is something piquant about a society "mainly devoted to the encouragement of Intelligent Conversation amongst Journalists, Bookmen, Critics, Artists, and others." The "New Bohemians" is its title, and "University men," the advertisement announces, with engaging candour, "are not necessarily disqualified. Acquaintance with Omar, Rabelais, Feyta, Lamb, Stevenson, and Whistler will be regarded as an asset, but literary heresies are not considered unorthodox." This is good news for the literary heretic who is not the devotee of all members of the sextet in question. One may become a New Bohemian, for example, though disinclined "to laugh with Rabelais in his easy chair."

It is with varied emotions that I receive the latest telephonic news. We are warned (that will seem to many the right word) that in the course of the next few years communication by telephone may be established between London and New York. The present obstacle lies in the difficulty of reducing the size of the necessary inductance coils sufficiently to permit of their being included in an ocean cable. But there seem to be strong hopes of overcoming the difficulty and connecting New York successfully with London. Perhaps by that time the telephons will have become a blessing without any disguise. But the disguise is at present so nearly perfect that we cannot help a shudder at the thought of ringing up New York. "Buzz, buzz, buzz—are you there? are you there?—mumble, mumble—no, my dear, two three-four things—a block of Bries—I want 643C—hullo—aye you there?—D—aries?" It is bad enough when a poor wretch is only trying to get through to a Metropolitan subscriber. What will it be when the unconnected numbers vainly striving to reach each other are divided by the Atlantic? Distance may lend enchantment or it may not. Who lives will hear. And the prospect is commercially attractive and important, if not personally alluring.

The streets of London are perhaps never more interesting than at the present time,

when all the big drapers' shops in the West-end are holding their annual sales. One of the most remarkable things about the January sales is the manner in which a woman will hunt for bargains for hours without showing the slightest sign of fatigue, while a mere man would have been tired out in a quarter of the time. Whether the bargains obtained are really so good as are made out is a moot point, but the shopkeepers, it seems to me, know what is wanted, and profit accordingly. The people, however, who deserve most pity are the unfortunate assistants, who are kept standing all-day long, with hardly a moment in which to get any food, and without the excitement of the shoppers to bear them up.

There is a new profession for women. Entering a crowded draper's shop on a sale day, the woman of open mind flutters from counter to counter, examining every dress-length, determined to come to no decision until she has scrutinised every single bargain with a price culminating in the three mystic and fascinating farthings. In former days such a one, by role and tradition, emerged, if conscientious, the purchaser of a yard of tape or a packet of pins; otherwise, quite conceivably, empty-handed. All that is over now. Hardly has the purchaser reached her second or third dilemma when there floats in a lady, of the last cry of chic, who manifests so distinct and pressing a predilection for the goods under consideration that the dubious one, under the spur of rivalry, at once concludes the bargain. Our thanks—need it be said—are once more due to America, which has evolved the idea of so great a public and private benefit. The Decider, as she is called, will be particularly valuable just now, but her general utility should be perennial.

On that third page of the "Daily Mail" which always includes something grateful and comforting, particulars appeared recently of a haven that is about to be opened in Bond-street. It is for that large section of mankind which prefers to have itself rather than submit to the operations, caresses, and conversation of the barber, but at the same time does not know how to keep its razors in order. Any number of us are thus afflicted. Either we have not the true artist's subtle hand with the strip, or we do not grasp the natural history of the razor and how it must be honoured and rested. It is really like the Martini in Mr. Kipling's ballad, not to be called a cross-eyed old something, but "human as you are; you treat her as 'sich'!" At the Bond-street institution the razors will be coaxed and kept fit, and patrons merely have to call and use them—incidentally without having to wait their turn until someone else is done with. No doubt individual privacy will be secured; there are some people who could no more have themselves under the critical eye of a professional barber than others can play billiards in the presence of a superior marker. Further, beginners are to be taught the art and science of self-shaving by competent instructors—with a surgeon, perhaps, in attendance. It will be as delightful as learning the banjo or dancing.

### THROUGH MOSLEM EYES.

In the course of a profoundly interesting article on "Christianity from the Islamic Standpoint," in the current "Hibbert Journal," Amer Ali, lately a judge in Bengal, says that both Islam and Christianity have identical aims and ideals; both agree in their general principles. Even in matters of dogma the agreement is often astonishing. . . . In view of the denunciations of the Nazarene Prophet against the rich, and the promise of the Kingdom of Heaven to the poor and the humble, the Moslem fails to understand the feverish pursuit of wealth in the Western world, the devotion to luxury, the unregulated dispensing of charity, the callousness to distress and suffering, the contempt for the virtues which Jesus inculcated—patience, meekness, and humility of spirit; or why the system which styled its founder "the Prince of Peace" should not be able to suppress war and rapine among his followers. . . . How is it, asks the Moslem, that modern Christianity, with its philosophic ideals, cannot root out the evil of racial exclusiveness? Islam makes charity a part of the obligatory rule. In the Christian system this is left to individual sentiment. Here and there it finds practical expression in a Barnardo or a Booth; but unless the suffering is forcibly visible or offensive to the aesthetic sense, much that might relieve poignant distress at home is diverted to the making of distant and doubtful converts.

Moslems do not recognise that modern Christianity, overlaid with Greek philosophy and Pauline mysticism, represents the religion Jesus in fact taught. They consider that Islam represents true Christianity. They do not think that Jesus, who prayed in the wilderness and on the hillside, in the huts of the peasants, in the humble abodes of the fishermen, furnished any warrant for the gorgeousness of modern Christian worship, with all the accessories which beguile the mind, mystify the intellect, and thus divert the human heart from the worship of the great God towards a symbol and a type.

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